Recently the term of office of SJShn M.G.K. Nair, and Y.S. Hegde, Chairman and Managing Director of Indian Bank and Corporation Hank respectively expired on 15-2-86. lhe Government nas reappo.n-ted them in the same capacity for a further term up to 13-11-88 and 15-2-89 respectively.

Construction of a building for Punjab National Hank in Bhikaji Caina Place

*199. SHRI RAMACHANDRA BHARADWAJ; SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be plea-ed to state:

(.a) whether it is a fact that the Punjab National Bank had to pay over Rs. 80 lakhs to the DDA for regularuation of its building in Bhikaji Cama Place in New Delhi which was consctructed without proper sanction of the competent authority; and

(b) whether Government have made any inquiry into trie matter to fix responsibility for this avoidable heavy financial burden, if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) According to the Punjab National Bank, DDA had demanded a sum of Rs. 80,69,220/- as compounding fee for regularising the permLsi-ble construction at Plot No. 7, Bhikaji Cama Place, New Delhi. The Bank represented to DDA that the compounding fee was not leviable as the Bank had duly submitted all papers required by DDA except the copy of the lease deed which coud not be executed because of DDA's inability to prodece/provide the same. It was also represented to DDA that as the Plans submitted by the Bank were neither rejected nor refusal thereof conveyed within 60 days, as per DDA's by-laws, the Bank deemed the plans to have been sanctioned.

Finally, the DDA levied the penalty of Rs. 4,03,461/- for construction done prior to sanction. The Bank has paid the penalty amount as it did not want to contest the matter further.

(b) No, Sir.

Payment of minimum wages to workers in private offices/ industries

*200. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK; Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any machinery to check periodically that at least the minimum wages prescribed by Government are given to the employees/labourers in private offices/industries;

(b) whether any such survey has ever been conducted at the othce premises of M/s D. K. Agencies, Inderlok, In Nagai, Delhi and M|s Researchco, Shanti Nagar, Delhi-35;

(c) if so, what is the outcome of the survey; and

(d) if the answer to part (a) above be in the negative what steps Government propose to take to safeguard the interests of the poor workers in such officer/industries?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA); (a) Yes, Section 19 of the Minimum Wages Act, 1948 empowers the appropriate Government to appoint such persons as it thinks fit to be inspectors for the purposes of the Act and define the local limits within which they shall exercise their functions. Accordingly, the Central Government has enforcement machinery in the organisation of the Chief Labour Commissioner (Central). The respective Stat-Government also have similar machinery.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Instances of payment of wages less than the prescribed rates of minimum wages have been detected in certain cases by the inspector appointed by the Delhi Administration. At the instance of the Inspector, 30 workmen of M/s. D.K. Agencies, Inderlok, Tri N^tgar, Delhi have got the arrears due to them. The Delhi Administration is taking similar action to

ensure the payment of minmum wages aiong wth the arrears to the workers of M/s. Researchco, Shanti Nagar, Delhi-35.

(d) Does n(>t arise.

Mishap in Godavari Khani Mines

@1037. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA'. Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether an enquiry has been made into the mishap in the Godavari Khani Mines of Singareni Coal Fields on 27th March 1986;

(b) if so, what are the outcome of the enquiry;

(c) what was the number of workers who were killed or injured; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken by Government to prevent recurrence of such incidents?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA), (aj to (c) According to preliminary enquiry conducted into the mishap in the Godavari Khani No. 9 incline of the Singareni Collieries Company Limited, which occurred on the 27th March, 1986, seven persons were killed and 13 persons were affected due to influx of no-xous. gases.

(d) The Mines Act 1952, rules and regulations framed thereunder contain provisions for the safety of the workers in the mines. Director General of Mines Safety and his officers enforce the statutory provisions in respect of mines. The Director General of Mines Safety has been directed to intensify inspections of mines and take other action under the Mines Act, including issue of improvement notices, prohibitory orders, launching of prosecutions etc. to ensure that mines managements take appropriate preventive measures. Step; are also being taken to strengthen the inspecting machinery of the Directorate General of Mines Safety.

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Setting up of a Rural Insurance Corporation

1038. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a Rural Insurance Corporation to Implement the various schemes devised for the benefit of the rural people, espcially weaker sections; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Government have received a proposal in the Sixth Report of the Committee on Public Undertakings on General Insurance Corporation of India regarding setting up of a Rural Insurance Corporation for implementing the various schemes devised for the benefit of rural masses in general and weaker sections in particular, and have noted the above proposal for appropriate necessary action after examination of all relevant aspects.

1039. *[Transferred to the 8th May,* 1986]

भारतीय खाद्य निगम के आगरा स्थित डिपो के कार्यकलाप

1040. **श्री अच्छे लाल बाल्मीक** : क्या खाद्य और नागरिक पूर्ति मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) भारतीय खाद्य निगम के आगरा स्थित डिपो में सीधे भुगतान की प्रणाली (डायरेक्ट पेमेन्ट सिस्टम) किस श्रमिक संघ द्वारा शुरू करायी गयी;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि पिछले कई वर्षों से आगरा डिपो में कार्य कर रहे 39 श्रमिकों को सितम्बर, 1984 से कार्य पर नहीं लगाया गया ; और

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इनके स्थान पर 52 ऐसे व्यक्तियों को कार्य पर लगाया गया जिन्होंने कभी भी आगरा डिपो में कार्य नहीं किया था?